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In re application of:

Mitsuru KANEKO

Application No.: 10/085,728 Filed: 02/28/2002

Group No.: 1734

Examiner: Brenda A. Lamb

For:

CONTINUOUS CERAMIC COMPOSITE PLATING

METHOD AND APPRATUS FOR LONG DOCTOR BASE MATERIALS

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RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after non-final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.111) for this application.

STATUS

Applicant is a small entity. 2.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the (NON-FINAL) Examiner's Action mailed April 26, 2004 (Paper No. not indicated), having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 26, 2004, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows: